

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

Akron, Ohio 44316-0001

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW DEPARTMENT

January 16, 2004

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Sir:

Re: Docket No. DN1999127USAD01

This is a request for filing a Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/980,144, filed on November 20, 2001, of Thomas Reed Oare, Richard Michael D'Sidocky and David Thomas Reese for **COMPOSITE PLY STRUCTURE FOR TIRES AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE**, presently pending in Art Unit 1733.

1. Enclosed are the specification and drawings for the subject patent application and a copy of the originally filed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
2. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of \$770.00 to Account No. 07-1725. The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS REMAINING IN THE APPLICATION

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| Basic Fee..... | \$770.00 |
| Additional fees: | |
| Total number of claims in excess of 20, times \$18.00..... | 0.00 |
| Number of independent claims minus 3, times \$80.00..... | 0.00 |
| TOTAL FILING FEE..... | \$770.00 |

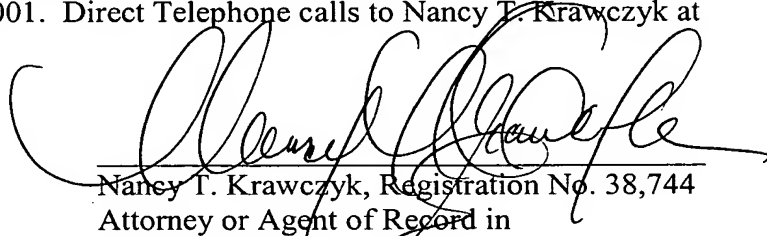
3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 07-1725. Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.
4. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment enclosed herewith.
5. Please enter the Information Disclosure Statement enclosed herewith.
6. The prior application is assigned to The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company but has not yet been recorded.

7. The Applicants hereby incorporate by reference prior Application Serial No. 09/980,144, filed November 20, 2001, presently pending.

8. The attached copy of the Declaration signed by the Inventors indicates that the Power of Attorney appearing in the original papers in the prior application is to:

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